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THERAPEUTIC USE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment 61 minus highest number  
previously paid for 28 (at least 20) = 33 x \$ 18.00 \$ 594.00

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previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 3 x \$ 84.00 \$ 252.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 280.00

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